

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A multicoat system, on a substrate (A), comprising:  
a clear coat of at least one radiation-curable coating system (F), ~~and,~~  
optionally, at least one coat (E), which is pigmented and/or provided with effect  
substances, and which is adjacent to and under coat (F), said coat comprised of said coating  
system (F) and optional coat (E) constituting a topcoat,

and at least one elastic intercoat (D), which is located between the substrate (A) and  
the topcoat and has a glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or less (measured in the  
frequency range up to 1000 Hz), ~~and at least one coat (C), which functions as a second  
substrate, of a polymer film, which is positioned between said at least one elastic intercoat  
(D) and the second substrate layer (C) and with at least one elastic intercoat (D) interposed  
between substrate (A) and the second substrate layer,~~

wherein the substrate has an impact strength to DIN EN ISO 179/1fU at  $23^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 50  
% humidity of at least  $20\text{ kJ/m}^2$ , and is selected from the group consisting of PP  
(polypropylene), SAN (styrene-acrylonitrile copolymers), ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-  
styrene-copolymers), ASA (acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers), blends of ABS and  
PA (polyamides), blends of ABS and PBT (poly (butylene terephthalate)s), blends of ABS  
and PC (polycarbonates), blends of ASA and PA, blends of ASA and PBT, and blends of  
ASA and PC,

and the ratio (V) of the intercoat thickness (ZS) to the total thickness of the intercoat  
and the topcoat (DL), expressed as  $V = ZS/(ZS + DL)$ , in the multicoat system, is at least 0.05  
at a temperature of at least  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thickness of the elastic intercoat (D) is from 0.5 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one compound in the elastic intercoat (D) is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, polyacrylates, and poly-*iso*-butenes.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 6, wherein at least one compound in the elastic intercoat (D) is selected from the group consisting of styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS), styrene-isoprene-styrene (SIS), styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene (SEBS) and styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene (SEPS) block polymers.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A third substrate coated with a multicoat system as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A method of producing the multicomponent system as claimed in claim 1, which comprises applying, between the substrate (A) and said coat of at least one radiation-curable coating system (F), said elastic intercoat (D) having a glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  or less.

Claims 10-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The multicoat system as claimed in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 27, wherein said second substrate is selected from the group consisting of PP (~~polypropylene~~), SAN (~~styrene-acrylonitrile copolymers~~), PC, PMMA, PBT, PA, ASA (~~acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate copolymers~~), ABS (~~acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers~~) and their physical mixtures (blends).

Claims 17-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the substrate (A) comprises an interior surface or an exterior surface of a structure.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The third substrate as claimed in claim 8, which is a building component, a vehicle component or an aircraft component.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein elastic intercoat (D) has a glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$  or less (measured in the frequency range up to 1000 Hz).

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein radiation-curable coating system (F) comprises at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of urethane (meth)acrylates, epoxy acrylates, polyether acrylates, and polyester acrylates.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ratio (V) is at least 0.3 at a temperature of  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one compound in the elastic intercoat (D) is a thermoplastic elastomer, and wherein at least one compound in the at least one radiation-curable coating system (F) is a urethane (meth)acrylate.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): A method of providing a substrate with a scratch-resistant coating, comprising:

applying an elastic intercoat (D) layer having a glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of  $-60^\circ\text{C}$  or less (measured in the frequency range up to 1000 Hz) to a surface of the substrate; and

applying a protective topcoat over the elastic intercoat layer, the topcoat layer comprising an optional coat layer (E) which is pigmented and/or provided with effect substances, followed by a layer of a radiation curable coating system (F).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The multicoat system as claimed in claim [[4]] 27, wherein said second substrate layer (C) is a film of polypropylene.

Claim 27 (New): The multicoat system as claimed in claim 1, additionally comprising, between (D) and (A):

a second substrate layer (C) of a polymer film, and  
at least one elastic intercoat (B) between second substrate layer (C) and substrate (A).

Claim 28 (New): A multicoat system, on a substrate (A), comprising:

a clear coat of at least one radiation-curable coating system (F),

optionally, at least one coat (E), which is pigmented and/or provided with effect substances, and which is adjacent to and under coat (F), said coat comprised of said coating system (F) and optional coat (E) constituting a topcoat,

and at least one elastic intercoat (D), which is located between the substrate (A) and the topcoat and has a glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or less (measured in the frequency range up to 1000 Hz), and wherein at least one compound in the elastic intercoat (D) is selected from the group consisting of polyacrylates and poly-*iso*-butenes,

wherein the substrate has an impact strength to DIN EN ISO 179/1fU at  $23^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 50 % humidity of at least  $20\text{ kJ/m}^2$ .